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INFO.

1. The Ministry of Industry and Trade for Poland was dissolved in 1949 and replaced by several new offices. A section of this abandoned ministry, P.C.H. (Panstwowa Centrala Handlowa-State Trade Center), was replaced by a new agency, Miejski Handel Detaliczny (Municipal Retail Trade). M.H.D. was in turn placed under a new Ministry, the Ministry of Inland Trade, and given responsibility for the following departments of the old P.C.H.:
 - a. C.B.S.D. —central office for the marketing of preserves.
 - b. C.B.S.W. — central office for the marketing of wines.
 - c. C.B.S. —central office for the marketing of sugar products
 - d. C.B.S.O.T. —central office for the marketing of fats.
 - e. C.B.S.K. —central office for the marketing of coffee.
 - f. C.B.S.R. —central office for the marketing of agricultural products.
2. The above departments were consolidated into a Section for Foodstuffs. This Section, and a Section of Products of Light Industry, started operating under M.H.D. early in 1950, at 66 Piekna Street, Warsaw, with a staff of 195. Branch offices for M.H.D. activities were established in 12 main towns. These branch offices, together with the state shops* under them, now employ 18,000 persons.
3. The M.H.D. is responsible for marketing all foodstuffs and light industry products within the country, whether they are native or imported products. The Ministry of Inland Trade informs the M.H.D. of the arrival of every consignment from abroad. Prices are fixed by the Price Department of the Ministry of Inland Trade, and then the consignment is distributed by the M.H.D. to its branches. The branches then distribute it to the shops. The manager of M.H.D. is Dr. Jacek Marek, 40 years old. His deputy is Boleslaw Kaminski (ex-Kleinman).
4. Most goods handled by M.H.D. are of local manufacture. Administratively, foodstuff factories report to the Ministry of Agriculture and Supply; their produce, however, is marketed by the M.H.D.
5. Textile supplies are organized separately under the Textile Center (Centrala Tekstylna), which has its own shops, and foodstuffs and clothing for officers' families are handled separately by shops under the W.C.H. (Wojskowa Centrala Handlowa), which is responsible to the Ministry of Defense. The main office of W.C.H. is in Warsaw, and it has branches in every large town where military units are stationed. The main office distributes supplies to the branches, and the

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branches then supply the military shops, of which there are hundreds. A Colonel Wertheim, a Jew, is manager of W.C.H..

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* [REDACTED] Comment: Source does not describe these "state shops" but states that practically all "private shops" have been liquidated or transferred to the M.H.D. The cooperative "Spolem" has also been liquidated, and its shops have also been transferred to the M.H.D., according to source.

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